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**A**RE you practising to be a *nice* old woman?  
It is never too early to begin—and it's a life-time's work!  
Good habits of mind can be long-lasting. Chips on shoulders, once cemented there, are difficult ornaments to chisel off . . .

In my time I have met some fine old women—one of them had romped well past her centenary and was still interested in being a social success. And indeed, when I met her, she added to the courageous gaiety of things.

This courage of some old, old women is amazing and even daunting when it shows up, in one's self, a much weaker staying-power or a rather shabby, down-at-heels faith. I always think these brave old women must have "done their homework" well throughout their long lives and not allowed their characters to be whittled away—either by pettifogging worries, or tragedy—but always held in the back of their minds the idea that *nothing* should get them down.

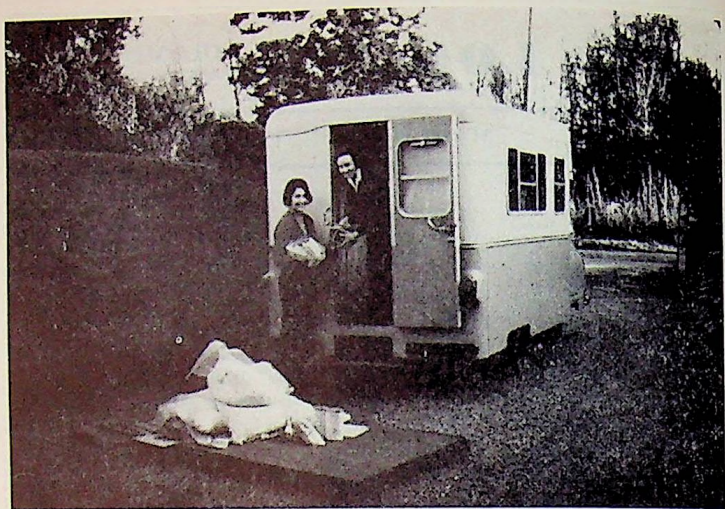
This is a hard dictum to live up to—and I wonder if when they were little girls long, long ago, they started off their unconquerable attitude by not being defeated in spirit, even when they had to eat their hated rice or stay staring at it for the rest of the afternoon.

Discipline—and especially when it is self-discipline—must be somewhere at the back of it all. It can act as a comfort in terrible times—perhaps, with me, you saw the discipline the London office-cleaners put out to get to their jobs on time during the last war, after nights of raids; the fine, rumbustious way they still chuckled and cackled their jokes at each other on the early buses . . . Some of them were old women who might have done, you would have thought, with a bit of comfort. They made it for themselves, out of their difficult circumstances and their own resourceful characters.

And all this is, perhaps, only to say that it is fun to think that Toc H Women's Association is preparing—as far as one can see!—some *nice* old women for the future, who cottoned on in their youth, or a bit later, to the fact that life is a *better* thing if you keep your chin up—and help someone else to do it, too.

Editor: BARBARA VISE





*Getting ready for the great trek—Celia Turner and Eveline Wallis*

## “MARTHA” on safari

SINCE the announcement of “Martha’s” trek made in the January-February Log, Branches will have received our letter, questionnaire on Young People and Voluntary Service and itinerary of our tour of Britain during this Jubilee Year. We hope every Branch will participate in the survey and look forward to being “down your way” and meeting as many members as possible.

The idea behind this tour is not only to look back on the past but, also, to look forward to the future and extension of the Movement. Today, more and more young people are becoming interested in giving voluntary service. If Toc H can help those not yet involved by finding them jobs and, perhaps, showing them the way to form a group similar to Mobile Action, in some cases the initial seeds of Toc H will have been planted.

In Mobile Action (see page 49) and other groups, young people have found fellowship and a wider understanding of those around them, through their corporate jobs and monthly suppers. Many are now keen on some form of discussion and talks and some have even been the cause of a new Toc H Joint Branch being set up on Tower Hill.

We intend to take with us a small photographic exhibition, showing the story and family life of Toc H, some Toc H literature and a pamphlet with ideas and information on how young people can start their own voluntary service group. C. T. and E. W.



# PROJECTS '65

TOC H WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION HAS LINED UP 8 PROJECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—EVELINE WALLIS OUTLINES THEM AND ASKS IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN IN?

**April 13th/20th** Dor Knap, Broadway, Worcestershire. Mixture of manual work, free time, discussions, talks and entertainment.

*Mixed Party.* Minimum age is sixteen.

**July 18th/25th** Belgium Work Project. A party of *twelve girls* to live at Talbot House, Poperinge, and to carry out cleaning and general help at "de Lovie", a Roman Catholic Home for Mentally Handicapped Boys.

Minimum age sixteen.

**July 18th/25th** *Six girls* at Woodlarks, Farnham (Home for Physically Handicapped Guiders). Work will comprise spring-cleaning and general help while residents are away on holiday.

**July 28th/August 6th** *Twelve girls*, sixth formers or college students, for surveying an Essex village for the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

**August 1st/8th** *Twelve young people (mixed)* at Clarefield Hospital, Maidenhead (Home for Mentally Handicapped Children).

**August 8th/21st** White Windows Cheshire Home, Huddersfield. Work will comprise decorating and general help.

*Mixed party.*

**August 14th/21st** *Twelve girls*, Woodlarks Camp, Farnham (Holiday Camp for Physically Handicapped Guiders). Work: care of Guiders and general help in the camp. Minimum age, 16.

**August 21st/28th** *Eight young people (mixed)* at Staunton Harold Cheshire Home, Leicestershire. Decorating, nursing and general help.

For further particulars write to :—

Toc H Women's Association (Projects),  
Crutched Friars House,  
London, E.C.3.

A report from JAN SHEPPARD of the A.G.M. of the British Council for Aid to Refugees gives good news—but asks for no slackening of effort until their problem is nothing more than a historical story

# REFUGEES

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AT the Annual General Meeting of the British Council for Aid to Refugees in December 1964, the large audience enthusiastically congratulated the President, Dame May Curwen, D.B.E., on the award of the Nansen Medal. This medal, named after the first League of Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, is awarded annually for outstanding service of their cause. Dame May's devotion to the cause of refugees has extended over nearly 50 years and she founded and was the first Chairman of the British Council for Aid to Refugees. Since its inception in 1950, B.C.A.R. has settled more than 20,000 refugees in the United Kingdom and some have been housed in their five hostels, others eventually were resettled overseas or returned to their own countries. But care for those still in the United Kingdom continues, grants and loans are made and assistance given wherever needed.

Members in various localities have met Dame May and had the pleasure of hearing her speak. The Association congratulates her on the signal honour of the award of the Nansen Medal so richly deserved.

An encouraging report of the present world-wide situation among refugees was given by the speaker invited for the occasion, Mr. Thomas Jamieson, Director of Operations, United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva.

He gave first the welcome news that the German Government had at last given £3 million as indemnification for non-Jewish refugees who had suffered in concentration camps in Europe under the Nazis. Of 40,229 applications 12,038 were found eligible and had by December 1964 received their final payments.

Into Western Europe 600-800 refugees still come annually. As many are young they can be resettled in Australia, Canada and the U.S.A. But at least the camps are no longer needed, though the major European problem is still in Germany. In Austria the camps are largely cleared and people are in houses; here large families cause problems of accommodation. Great success has been achieved in Italy and 4,000 refugees have been resettled elsewhere, but here a problem remains for those not old enough or sick enough to rouse enough sympathy and so receive help.



In the East, of the 17,000 White Russians who fled to China in 1917-18 and afterwards to Hong Kong, only 1,800 remain to be settled. They, however, are now so old that it is difficult to resettle them.

In Greece, too, camps have disappeared and many refugees have contributed to new developments in the Athens suburb where thousands are housed. Lebanon, Egypt and North Africa have problems with refugees of mixed nations who were unable to make a living there and have had to be resettled elsewhere in Europe and Australia, Canada and the U.S.A.

Latin America has refugees who have become old since going there and, as they have no pensions, still need help.

The problem of Tibetan refugees is different. In 1959 40,000 followed the Dalai Lama into India while some 12,000 went to Nepal. It is now clear that they cannot return to Communist Tibet.

There are five resettlement centres for Tibetans in India. They are given livestock to make a living. A problem is whether to separate children from parents in order to improve the condition of the former. Some children live in Ockenden Venture houses in Mussoorie as their parents are on road work.



*Dame May Curwen*

*Photograph by courtesy of the  
"New Milton Advertiser"*

**I**N Macao 85,000 refugees need help and the Government has asked for help to take the form of providing sampans, which give a home and the means of supporting it by fishing. Houses are also being built.

Africa presents a grave problem to the U.N.H.C.R. Here there are up to half a million refugees, and the refugee of today may be in a position of importance tomorrow, only to reverse his rôle the next day. But refugees are given food for six months or so until they have planted seeds and reaped their own harvest. Some 200,000 from Angola are now settled on their own land.

The Congo has presented a complicated problem and the refugees have in some cases been forced to join the rebels, and others have fled elsewhere. Of the 60,000 some also are being flown from the Kivu province to Tanzania, where, for the first time, an African state is providing asylum for other Africans.

The upshot of all this is that the problem of refugees has been reduced to the manageable. In 1954 there were 7,000,000 refugees in Europe alone, now there are 30,000. But Governments and individuals must still give their support to helping to reduce the numbers everywhere unless there is to be a new pile up of refugees.

## *This is new!*

PAIGNTON (DEVON); small but lively Branch opened 1965 with a successful Afternoon Tea—Bring and Buy held at a local café (by kind permission of the owner) and are pleased to report £6 has been sent for second instalment of our Special Effort and £6 for "Etembeni". Literature placed on the tea tables interested our customers and several took leaflets away to pass to friends.

### *—and here's a reminder :*

The following overseas magazines are available from  
Toc II Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

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| The Compass (South Africa)   | ... | price 10/- per annum, post free |
| The Link (Australia)   | ... | price 12/- per annum, post free |
| The Lamp (India, Pakistan and<br>Ceylon)   | ... | price 5/- per annum, post free  |
| The Capricornian (Rhodesia and Zambia) is available from Box<br>834, BULAWAYO, RHODESIA. |     |                                 |



# What is BORDON?

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AN ANSWER COMPILED BY 3 MEMBERS

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WELL, what *is* Bordon? It is a Company of men and women, mostly Toc H members, who believe that there is more to Toc H than jobs and fellowship, important as they are. The Company came into being at Bordon in Hampshire in 1956, and its purpose is to deepen the spiritual significance of Toc H by strengthening the link between activity and worship. What, we may ask, is the motive for our service? Superficial thinking can so easily lead to our doing a job for self-glorification, and moreover create a barrier between the keen religiously-minded member and the one who sees Toc H mainly as a means of social service, both of whom need to think fairly. The Ceremony of Light saves us from shallowness if rightly valued, for it takes us out of ourselves from the start. It is a constant and vital reminder that all that we do should be done to the glory of God, and it "leads us all together" as Tubby has put it, overcoming our divisions.

Members of the Company meet in small groups from time to time for quiet days and to talk about these things together. A September meeting took place at Aldershot Vicarage on the Dorset/Hants. border, by kind invitation of Padre "Monty" Callis. After a short quiet time in Church, the members adjourned to the Vicarage garden and listened to a helpful talk by Padre Michael Rowdon on the need for "rest" (Hebrews IV, 1-13). After lunch (provided by Verwood Toc H) a member had something to say about "Thinking Fairly". During the discussion that followed, the work of the Pilot as "interpreter" of the underlying spiritual purpose of Toc H was considered to be of supreme importance; therefore the selection of a Pilot should be made with great care.

The Company is open to anyone who is willing to accept the challenge of its simple rule of daily Bible reading, prayer and a period of quiet. A card addressed to the Bordon Company, c/o Toc H, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, will bring particulars.

*(We hope all members of the Bordon Company will see the special mark against some articles in this number.—Editor.)*

# **“FEED THE MINDS”**

**T**HE United Nations have launched a drive to teach to read 330 million adults out of 700 million estimated illiterates in the world. But what will they read? It seems that tons of political propaganda and trashy pornographic literature is being poured into newly literate countries in Africa and Asia and South America. To counteract this, the “Feed the Minds” campaign was conceived by Christian Literature Societies. It was commended to the nation by the Queen Mother at a reception held in St. James’s Palace on October 29th, 1964. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided and there were many distinguished guests presents.

“Feed the Minds” campaign is a combined effort to raise 1½ million pounds to feed with Christian Literature and Scriptures

## **ST. DAVID'S SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**P.O. BONDA,**

**via UMTALI, RHODESIA.**

This is an address where the Principal or Librarian would be grateful for any books, suitable for children up to “O” Level, either school text-books or children's books, in good condition.

This school for African children is run by the Sisters of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, whose mother house is at St. Hilda's Priory, Whitby, Yorkshire. One of the sisters teaching at Bonda at present has a mother in Toc H in Grahamstown, South Africa.



# CAMPAIGN

**JAN SHEPPARD** outlines the operation—and calls for recruits from the membership for this campaign, commended to the nation by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

the minds of these millions who are learning the joys of reading for the first time. The principal organizers are the Bible and Foreign Bible Society, the National Bible Society of Scotland and the Archbishop of York's Fund. The Bible Societies at their World Conference in Tokyo in 1963 decided that they needed half a million pounds' increase in their annual income in order to treble their annual circulation of Bibles. The Archbishop of York's Fund aims at raising one million pounds for Christian Literature projects in the whole world. It will help the World Council of Churches in the vigorous action they are taking, the various Bible Societies, the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and the United Society for Christian Literature in their efforts to feed hungry minds.

New methods have been developed and writing centres established where young people of these nations can learn journalism; editing, etc.: book shops and mobile book vans have been introduced displaying literature in the varying languages and dialects of the countries concerned, this literature with the Christian emphasis on fiction, history or any other subject.

As with World Refugee Year, Mayors throughout the country have been asked to form local campaign committees, and churches and educational authorities have also been asked to co-operate. As a movement with a Christian basis Toc H Women's Association is surely committed to show interest and to work for this campaign. Special efforts will be made throughout the country during the week March 27th to April 4th, 1965. Further information and publicity material can be had from: The Campaign Officer, "Feed the Minds", 146 Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.

**TOC H JUBILEE EXHIBITION KITS** are available at a cost of £2 10s. 0d. The photographic and other material will be similar to that used in the Central Exhibition but in an unmounted form and therefore adaptable to local circumstances. Available from the Jubilee Secretary, Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

## Toc H Centre

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1964, at 10.30 a.m., the Toc H Centre was opened at 22 St. Mary Street, Cardiff, by Miss Constance Beazley (a member of the Women's Association Central Executive Committee, and Minute Reader for the South Wales and Monmouthshire Area).

In the absence of Mr. Jeremy Topham (Chairman of the Joint Committee), Miss Anita James (Women's Association Area Chairman) deputised and welcomed our guests, Toc H members and friends from South Wales who attended.

In declaring the Centre Open, Miss Beazley reminded us of the old Talbot House in Poperinge, opened by the Rev. Tubby Clayton forty-nine years ago for Servicemen, which has served them during two world wars and is still being maintained by Toc H. She further reminded us of our Main Resolution.

The Rev. W. J. Samuel (Moderator of the Congregational Church in Wales) then dedicated our Room and took Prayers.

Miss Cedervall (representing the Standing Conference of Women's Organizations) was also present, and said how much the help of our Toc H representatives who served with this Organization, was appreciated.

Mr. George Atkinson (Toc H Area Secretary), on behalf of the Joint Committee, said a few words of appreciation of both the Men's and the Women's Branches in the redecoration and preparation of the Centre for the morning's Ceremony.

Miss Anita James thanked our Speakers, and congratulated the Cardiff Women's Branch on the Celebration of their 40th Birthday, that day.

A little Welsh lady (made by one of our members) was presented to Miss Beazley as a memento of the occasion.

A Coffee Morning was then organized by the Cardiff, Greyfriars and Rhiwbina Heath Women's Branches, who hold regular meetings at the Centre on Monday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Coffee mornings will be held each Saturday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon for Toc H members and friends to meet.

A meeting of the Toc H Women's Association South Wales and Monmouthshire Area Council was held at the Centre.

NAN DOIDGE



# A Clayton Volunteer Speaks

**SOUTH WESTERN REGION:** When we heard that there was a chance of hearing Alan Burgess, a Clayton Volunteer, speaking on his visit to America, with slides to illustrate it, we felt it was an offer too good to miss, so the Taunton (Somerset) Branch invited the rest of the District one evening in November to hear him. We met in a local Primary School, kindly lent by the Headmistress, who is one of our most recent members.

Luckily it was not a foggy night, so everyone travelled without difficulty from Glastonbury, Street, Bridgwater and Wellington, while Alice Welford brought with her two guests from Pinhoe, Exeter. There were also present some of the Toc H members from Taunton and Wellington.

After the welcome refreshments, we settled down to see one slide after another, some of the slum areas of Boston, which were an eye-opener to us, and of the camps organized for the children in the woods, among the most spectacular scenery.

After his tour of duty, Alan went touring with others belonging to the party, so we saw some splendid shots of the Niagara Falls lit up at night, and some of the New York Fair, which were excellent and gave us some idea of its immensity.

There were many questions put to Alan about his work as a Clayton Volunteer, which he answered most patiently and very much to the point. We were indeed surprised when we learned that this was his first attempt at the lecture. We hope that such an interesting subject will be heard over a wide area, and that his large number of excellent slides will not remain packed away in their cases for very long.

**D. C. CROCKETT**

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

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# O V E R S E A S

By ELISABETH WORTH,

Overseas Secretary

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Branches in the Western Cape Province sound lively. **Mossel Bay** realise the importance of keeping plenty of fun in their life together and took time off—from a heavy programme of talks and jobs and Christmas parties for the aged and the sick—for a Family Night to which members came in fancy dress as Beatles, Voortrekkers, schoolgirls, volkspelers and a Bathing Beauty in a costume one hundred years old.

A neighbouring Branch, **Pinelands**, have made themselves responsible for the education of a poor and promising coloured girl and feel much encouraged in the venture by reading her good school report. They provide all her clothes, including school uniform, and her pocket money. The Branch also helps at a home for the elderly senile, which they visit regularly each week, and they hold a monthly tea-party at which only Afrikaans is spoken. As Pinelands is mostly an English-speaking community, a marked improvement in Afrikaans is noticed and it helps to make a bridge between the communities, especially as several Afrikaans women attend. A Christmas party for crippled children was given.

Yet another Cape Branch, at **Claremont**, has five probationers and their Christmas party was for non-European children from a Wayside Sunday School.

**AUSTRALIA:** The Annual Council meeting will take place during the Joint Conference week at **Canberra** from 30th January, at which the theme is "Into Orbit"—the future rôle of the Movement in Australia coming under review. It is hoped to have Councillors present from all States. The Annual Report reveals the sad fact that several Branches have closed during the year and no new ones have been started, but the membership remains at about the same number, and the volume of service given consistently, both to people and causes within the country, and to some in overseas countries, is impressive. The lack of staff to help with extension work is felt acutely.

**PEOPLE:** **Cornelia Amoth**, a Kenya nurse in training at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, had Christmas leave which she spent with a member near Stockton, who wrote to Frances Beeton:—



**WOMEN ROUND THE WORLD**  
**MAKE GOOD NEWS FOR THE FAMILY**

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*A knitting and sewing class run for Coloured children by members of the Fish Hoek Branch, Cape*

"First a big 'thank you' for bringing Cornelia to us. She made our Christmas complete . . . we were quite sad when we saw her off on the train back to Edinburgh. Our grandchildren made her very welcome, indeed little Janet took her under her wing and looked after her. We went to mid-night service on Christmas Eve and Cornelia enjoyed it and sang many of the hymns. We went out to tea and coffee and had friends to visit us, which she enjoyed, but she was quite happy being quiet between times with us two old people."

A U.S.A. member, **Duane Garrison**, who joined when a Winant Volunteer in 1957, has been working in connection with mental health in Washington and has now returned to New York.



**Rae Spraggs**, a member in the Transvaal, South Africa, where she is much missed, has emigrated to Connecticut, U.S.A., with her husband and sons and was able to visit Crutched Friars en route. We hope the few lone members in her State will get in touch and welcome her. (Address—P.O. Box 308, Sinsbury, Conn.)

**Ida Heath**, a member at various times in Malta, Singapore, Portsmouth and Brussels and for the past two years a lone one in Vienna, writes that her husband has been transferred and they are now at the British Embassy, Warsaw, Poland.

The Editor of the LOG has, on request, written a "Letter from London" for the Toc H magazines in other countries on the subject of Public Relations, which includes publicity. It is No. 3 in the 1965 series and if acted upon, should be of great help to leaders in all countries in putting over a good image of the Movement, especially in this Jubilee Year.

## MARJORIE DAVIS

### Memorial

**T**HE members of the Western Area want to thank all those who responded to the announcement published in the September-October LOG, 1964, the result of which is very gratifying.

After considerable discussion it has been agreed to buy a writing-table to be placed in the Alison Macfie Room at Crutched Friars House and to donate the greater proportion of the Fund towards the cost of sending a member of staff for a Refresher Course similar to that which Marjorie had at Woodbrooke College, Selly Oak, in 1959.

Remembering how the time spent at Woodbrooke helped Marjorie—and helped all of us—we feel that being able to offer the opportunity of such an experience to someone else is something that she herself would have delighted to do.

PHYLLIS FORRESTER

## “WE WILL REMEMBER”



- ETHEL SCHOFIELD—*Bridlington*. 1.12.60—15.8.64  
 AGNES SHEILL—*Oldham* (*Builder*; *former Member*).  
 7.12.38—17.11.64  
 K. MAY DANIEL—*Merthyr Tydfil* (*Builder*; *former Member*). 20.12.39—18.11.64  
 DR. G. F. FLEETWOOD-OUTRAM—*Tottenham* (*Builder*).  
 28.10.48—23.11.64  
 DOROTHY MILLER—*Central*. June, '23—10.9.64  
 FLORENCE AMY SMITH—*Swanage*. 17.3.54—24.11.64  
 L. MAY RAWLINSON—*West Norwood* (*Builder*; *former Member*). 5.7.61—26.11.64  
 ANN WOODCOCK—*East Barnet* (*Builder*; *former Member*).  
 19.9.46—9.12.64  
 OLIVE A. BISHOP—*Central*. 20.8.63—Dec., '64  
 DAISY L. SPREADBURY—*Belfairs* (*Builder*; *former Member*). 17.1.49—Aug., '64  
 CLARE GREEN—*Andover*. 7.12.54—30.12.64  
 SHEILA GORDON—*Newbiggin*. 3.2.64—18.1.65  
 SIDNEY H. WHEELER—*Sudbury* (*Builder*; *former Member*). 22.5.35—Jan., '65  
 CONNIE ZENKER (née Barnes)—*Enfield*. 20.11.29—6.1.65  
 ELEANOR GEORGE—*Grimsby* (*Builder*). 6.2.57—Sept., '64  
 C. H. BELLINGER—*West Wickham* (*Builder*). 4.7.57—  
 31.12.64  
 EMILY M. DRAYSON—*Canterbury*. 23.2.48—6.1.65  
 BEATRICE LISTER—*Hunstanton*. 9.5.60—30.1.64  
 EDNA WILDERSPIN—*Pinchbeck* (*Builder*). 22.2.61—1964  
 E. E. ELPHINSTONE—*Sprowston* (*Builder*; *former Member*). 6.4.50—19.11.64  
 ELIZABETH OLLINGTON—*Belfairs*. 8.5.61—29.12.64  
 JANE ROBINSON—*Yeovil* (*Builder*; *former Member*).  
 20.5.55—August, '64  
 FREDERICK GIFFORD FELCE—*Higham Ferrers* (*Builder*;  
*former Member*). Aug., '52—Sept., '64  
 FLORENCE E. SPRINGETT—*Sudbury* (*Builder*). 13.3.64—  
 29.12.64

# Toc H IN JUBILEE YEAR

NEW MEMBERS MAY NOT KNOW ALL THIS; OLDER MEMBERS MAY THINK THEY HAVE IT PAT—BUT FIND IT WORTH WHILE CUTTING OUT THIS EXCELLENT OUTLINE BY COLIN WINTLE AND KEEPING IT FOR REFERENCE WHEN ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MOVEMENT

**I**N 1965 the world-wide Christian movement of Toc H celebrates its Golden Jubilee.

There are 1,000 branches and groups in Britain, and 600 more in Toc H Women's Association, which was founded 42 years ago.

Toc H embraces the five continents, having Branches and Units in Australia, Canada, Central and South Africa, India and New Zealand; also "Lone Units" in Belgium, Brazil, British Columbia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan and Uganda. The Women's Association is also represented in every continent.

Some Toc H Branches contain both men and women members; some are multi-racial; others are both "mixed" and multi-racial.

## Why "Toc H" ?

The birthplace of Toc H is Talbot House, Poperinge, near Ypres, where a young Army padre, the Rev. P. B. Clayton ("Tubby") opened an all-ranks club (with a chapel in an "upper room") on December 11th, 1915—the day before his own 30th birthday.

The initials of Talbot House in Army Signals language were Toc H, and that is the name by which the movement became known.

## Toc H Now

Although it began among men serving or recently demobilised, Toc H never was "an Ex-Service Men's Club". It includes men of all kinds and ages. It imposes no credal test, but members have in common the belief that God meant this world to be a home for His family. The movement is concerned with the whole of life and draws no line between "secular" and "sacred".

Toc H is a fellowship open to all men from the age of 16 who are willing to make their contribution to "weekday Christianity" and members think of service to others as "the rent they pay for their room on earth".





*"Mobile Action" is a youthful offshoot of Toc H: these units of young men and women tackle human needs at first hand, and here is The Hon. Angus Ogilvy, Vice-Patron of Toc H, among one of the groups, in Paddington where they had been decorating an old lady's home*

## **Toc H and Youth**

Young people are playing an increasing part in Toc H. Of the 840 members elected in the year ending 31st May, 1964, one-quarter were in their teens and twenties, and 148 in their thirties.

A growing cadre of young people, not yet prepared to accept formal membership, is enrolling as "Toc H Volunteers". Of both sexes, from the age of 15, the volunteers wish to be called upon to give personal service to their fellows.

The Schools section of Toc H undertakes holiday work-projects of many kinds—more than 200 Secondary schools (including grammar and public schools) are affiliated. Other activities recently inspired by the parent movement are three groups of "Pioneers" in the South of England and four "Mobile Action" units, comprised of a variety of young people prepared to tackle human needs at first hand—wheresoever and whatsoever—and to bring to their work the enthusiasm and hilarity which has long been the hallmark of Toc H.

## **Toc H Centres**

"Centres" are also among the recent manifestations of Toc H. Already established, or about to open, are Centres at Bristol, Croydon, Langdale (Lake District), Colsterdale (Yorkshire moors near Swinton) and Lustleigh (fringe of Dartmoor). The urban Centres provide bases for community activities for members and non-members; the rural Centres give young people a chance to develop their potentialities as individuals through work, recreation and adventure, living together in the remoter parts of Britain.

## **Toc H Marks**

One of the oldest general activities of Toc H are "Marks" (residential houses) where young men starting their careers away from their home towns can live in the atmosphere of a Christian family. There are now 17 "Marks"—at Birmingham, Derby, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, Manchester (2), Newcastle-on-Tyne, Southampton, Swindon and London (7).

## **The Jubilee Year**

Members see the Jubilee as a time for thanksgiving, but also for renewed activity—a springboard for the next fifty years.

Toc H as a whole has set itself two main tasks to mark the Jubilee:

*Etembeni*: This is a Zulu word meaning "A Place of Hope for My People". It is now the name of the T.B. Settlement founded by and in association with Toc H Southern Africa. It is in Natal, south-west of Durban, and was the inspiration of a Toc H man who, in 1950, pioneered it. (Details in *Etembeni* illustrated booklet.) Toc H members have pledged £7,500 over five years for *Etembeni* as a Jubilee gift. Since October 1964 the money has been going out there at the rate of £200 a month.

*Membership*: The Jubilee job of Toc H members at home is to double the membership. (Some Branches have almost reached this goal already.)

## **National Celebrations**

London will be the centre for celebrations on a national scale, between May 15th and 23rd, 1965. (Details given in the last number of the *LOG*.)

## **Celebrations in Belgium**

At Talbot House, Poperinge, the Jubilee will be celebrated on a big scale, under the Patronage of H.M. the King of the Belgians, and the Founder Padre (the Rev. "Tubby" Clayton) will receive the Freedom of Poperinge.



# SOME REFLECTIONS IN JUBILEE YEAR

**I**N order to achieve some degree of self-fulfilment it seems to me that we have three duties: that towards oneself, that towards "another" and that towards the community.

Working backwards, we members of Toc H should well know the meaning of the third of these, since it is contained in our enrolment promise. But however fully we carry this out, there is still the danger of becoming, however veiled it may be, hypocritical "do-gooders". That is why the second "duty" would seem to carry such importance; for that "other" I would consider our own families and near neighbours, towards whom it is sometimes less easy to be kind and, above all, patient.

As for the last "duty"—that towards ourselves, I sometimes wonder whether we can really fulfil the other two if all our activities are turned outwards; that there should, in fact, be some kind of inward turning as well, not only in the spiritual sense of contemplation, devotion and self-assessment, but in widening our interests by keeping ourselves well in line with world events and modern trends through reading, television and radio and a cross-section of human contacts. Without this I doubt whether we can consider ourselves adequately equipped to give our best, not only on the physical but on the moral level when we are needed to help to sort out other people's problems, whether they be among the young or elderly.

MARION DESCHAMPS

## CECIL RICHARDSON

### Memorial

Friends will be glad to know that two wheel-chairs, chosen by the Matron will be given to Linton Hospital and they will be invited to be present at a short Dedication for that purpose.

GWEN V. PRIOR



# **creative living**

## **IN TOC H**

**A**T a recent meeting of members of the South Dorset District we were fortunate to have an inspiring talk by Marianne Turner, our former Headquarters' Chaplain.

Miss Turner's subject was "Creative living in Toc H". She said Toc H speaks volumes to us, as it did to the soldiers fifty years ago, and it will be venerated in fifty years' time, as representing something vital in our relationships with God and His children. As in the Old Testament God made a covenant with His people so He made a New Covenant through Christ; we are knit together in an everlasting love. In Toc H we are sharing our lives with others, giving ourselves and our time and talents to "everyman". Our meetings are to draw others into this fellowship, and we should walk about with our eyes open to others, getting alongside them. Something new and creative, shining like a star, grows out of our walking beside others. Creative living is free. We may have to change the pattern of our meetings; habits of thought tie us down and can destroy the spirit. Some of the worry in our minds is due to a sense of guilt at living below our level. We cannot lift ourselves up, the spirit of God will bear us up. It is so easy to be earthbound and to get cluttered up. The heart of life is loving, and this is a dynamic and natural thing. There are many divisive influences in the world and in our own community, and we need to be the sort of people who move forward and upward, as ambassadors of God's love. How thankful we are to Tubby that he has given us, under God, this Movement which draws people together in friendship. So let Toc H keep young in mind, ever reaching out to others.

**WYN WHEADON**

## **to all stamp collectors**

**A** SPECIAL Belgian stamp is being published for Jubilee Year and will be issued in March 1965. Orders should be sent to Colin Campbell, Jubilee Secretary, Toc H Incorporated, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3, together with the name and address of the person to whom the stamps are to be sent and 2s. 6d. for each first-day cover. The envelope will bear two 3 franc stamps, a special postmark, a picture of the Old House, and a message from the Burgomaster of Poperinge.

*(Reprinted from the lively London & Home Counties Region Newsletter.)*

## **book yourself a copy**

**"A CHRISTIAN'S GUIDE TO LEADERSHIP"** by Derek Prime. (Hodder and Stoughton, 3/6d.)

**T**HIS Guide should be studied by all leaders and potential leaders in our Branches. It is based on Christian principles and the advice given is backed by Biblical references, showing the relevance of God's words to the needs of today.

The necessity for leaders, the type of people required, methods of training, the practice, principles and difficulties of leadership, are dealt with clearly and constructively. Anyone sincerely trying to serve her colleagues in a position of responsibility, either now or in the future, would be greatly helped by consulting this book.

It might well be used as a basis for a study week-end for would-be leaders, bearing in mind the importance to our Movement of having people trained and ready to occupy any office which becomes vacant.

**NANCY GRIFFITHS**

**LONELINESS**, reviewed in the January-February number of the *Loc.* is published at 5s. 6d. If you order this report by post, it is 5s. 10d. from the National Council of Social Service, 26 Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.

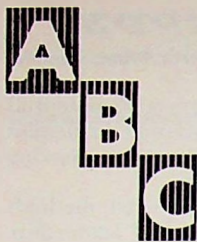
## **caravan holiday**

**T**O mark the 40th Birthday of Toc H Women's Association, the Reading District held a Garden Fête in May 1962, and the money raised at this function initiated the purchase of the Thames Valley Area Holiday Caravan. This 4-berth caravan was placed on a caravan site during the summer of 1964 and gave an opportunity to families with a mentally or physically handicapped member to enjoy a carefree, inexpensive holiday amid Thames Valley countryside at Henley-on-Thames.

The Committee formed to arrange these holidays invite enquiries from Branches who know of families with a child or adult who would benefit from such a holiday. They should write to Mr. R. Devine, 212 Silverdale Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, who will supply further details.

A nominal charge is made per week, which covers the running cost only. Families would be required to pay their own fares and provide own food. Calor gas for cooking is provided. Lettings are from 6th June-25th September, 1965. The caravan accommodation is not suitable for someone severely disabled or needing special nursing attention.

**S. B. FROUD**



**GOOD REPORTERS GET COPY IN ON**

**TIME, ALL FACTS GIVEN AND CHECKED:**

**KEEP IT BRIEF: KEEP IT COMING!**

**BELFAST CENTRAL:** On December 11th the men and women of Toc H in Northern Ireland celebrated the Chain of Light in the Missions to Seamen Chapel in Belfast, the Padre of the Central Branch leading the worship. This lovely little chapel is shaped like the bows of a ship and its font is covered with a ship's bell; a life-belt, with I.H.S. in the centre, is carved on the altar. Some of the chairs were presented by Holywood County Down Branch when the building was opened in 1956. The haunting painting by Ulster artist Raymond Piper dominates and colours the whole chapel: its theme shows all nations being drawn to the Light of Christ.

**BARBARA BARLOW**

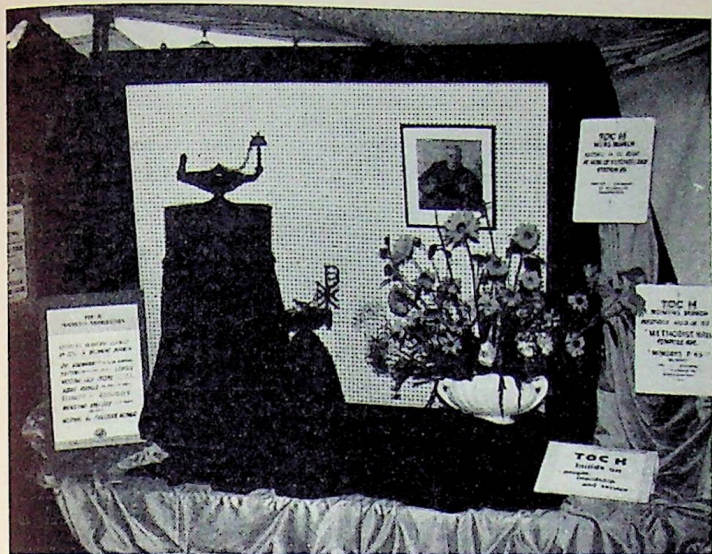
**BITTERNE:** I am enclosing a photograph for publication in the Log: it was in our *Southern Evening Echo*. Although it poured with rain all the time, our members served tea, coffee and biscuits to shoppers in Bitterne, from "Martha", to raise funds for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign—and at the same time to make Toc H Women's Association more widely known in our area.

**NORAH WILLIAMS**

**BOURNEMOUTH** wanted another corporate job; preferably one to include visitors (possible probationers) and those who could not undertake regular commitments. They found one at the League of Patients and Friends of Boscombe Hospital Christmas Bazaar, on Saturday 28th November at the Town Hall, Bournemouth. With the help of a few members from Branches in the District, the Branch undertook the refreshments (helpers' lunches and four hundred and fifty teas). Some years ago the Chairman of the League visited the Branch as a speaker and since then the members have taken an active part in the Christmas Bazaar and June Garden Party, in addition to manning the Hospital Telephone Trolley on Monday evenings. **JEAN RANKIN**

**CHATHAM (KENT):** As their Christmas effort, our members prepared over fifty small gifts for the chronic elderly sick and infirm patients of the local hospital, and on 21st December five of us visited the hospital with these parcels. **DOREEN WESTLAND**





*Flower show stand at Shirehampton  
—a joint effort which made Toc H  
better known*

*A photograph taken on a camera  
a hundred and fifty years old  
at Hunmanby*



**CARDIFF:** One wet, miserable Saturday morning in December, thirty-nine young people came for coffee at the Toc H Centre, Cardiff: they were Methodists and carrying a stretcher from Cardiff to Pontypridd (about sixteen miles) collecting as they went for the Ivory Coast Hospital, which is being built to commemorate a hundred years of Methodist Missionary Work. The total collected was £60.

**VALERIE PEARSE**

**DARTFORD:** On November 27th Jan Sheppard visited us and our Meeting Hall was nearly full as we were joined by Gravesend and Bexleyheath and Welling. When we met for the World Chain of Light, at my home, we were twenty-two, Dartford men and women and Bexleyheath, and there, nearly outside the house, was "Martha". She was being used by Bexleyheath to take parcels to elderly people. We have just welcomed a member from Brighton, Mrs. L. V. Horne, and have also had a member of the W.V.S. in Dartford with us for many weeks who wants to become a member.

**HILDA E. WEST**

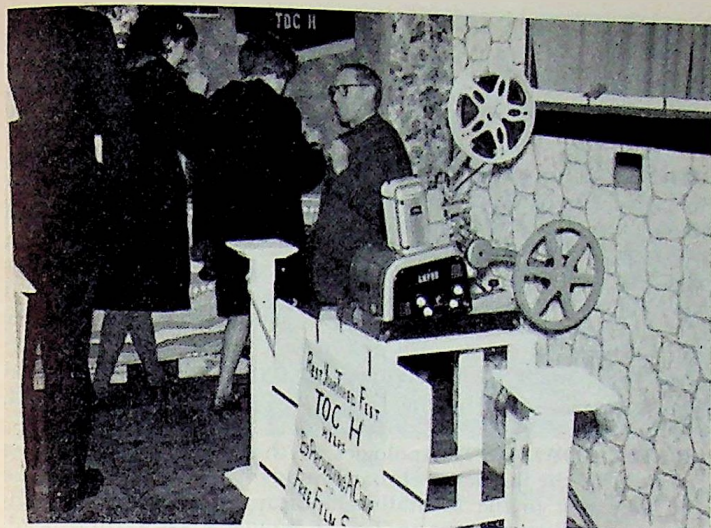
**EDINBURGH:** Toc H Women's Association shared a stand with the men at a recent Hobbies and Handcrafts Exhibition—held in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh—which was sponsored by the Rotary Club. We had on display a good selection of pictures

*Comfort in wet weather at Bitterne*

*Photograph by permission of—  
Holmes, Bitterne*







*Hobbies and Handicrafts Exhibition  
stand at Edinburgh*

showing Toc H jobs, our Lamp—which caused a number of enquiries—and a demonstration parcel of groceries which we make up for old people at Christmas, with an invitation to anyone to help us fill a parcel and we were grateful for the £2 3s. 9½d. we received. The men, in addition to a similar display showing their jobs, also put on films typical of those they take to the housebound. Two of the people we spoke to were interested enough to accept an invitation to our Joint Christmas Social.

**VERA E. M. INGLIS**

**HEADINGLEY (LEEDS):** We were asked if we could do anything to relieve the anxiety of two parents whose eight-year-old daughter had been sent to a hospital in Cheshire, the parents not being able to visit. Within a fortnight, the little girl was being visited by Stockport and taken out for drives and so on. They sent a letter to her parents with a report of each visit. The next week we heard that a member of our Branch was seriously ill in a Preston hospital. The news was passed on to Preston and we get a weekly progress report from them. A fortnight later, we in Headingley were given a letter by Bob Purdy from Toc H in Alloa asking if a member could visit a Scots lass in Leeds Infirmary, too far away for visitors from home. We have been visiting two or three times a week and reporting to



her home. So there it is: four areas—Yorkshire, Cheshire, Lancashire and Scotland—all linked together by patients from the other Branches. It does prove that Toc H W.A. is more than "meetings" and as stated in the Loc's editorial (which really made me write this) "tea-parties".

IVY ANDREW

**HUNMANBY:** Usually we make about thirty pairs of bed-socks for nurses to pass on to hospital patients at Christmas. In the photograph I am sending—taken on a camera one hundred and fifty years old—the shawl in use as a table cover has now been sent to a Displaced Persons Camp at Rendsburg. On November 14th we ran a party for children from a Church of England Children's Society Home where the games were organized by young friends of our Branch and, dare I mention it, the centre-piece was our 8th Birthday Cake (no photograph of *that* enclosed!).

IDA CHAPPELL

**KIRKLEY (LOWESTOFT):** Apologies to this Branch for omitting the fact, in the January-February number, that—as well as the £80 they sent to the Mentally Handicapped Children's Association—they also sent £80 to Toc H Women's Association headquarters after their Autumn Fayre. I am specially sorry to have

*"Martha" helping in the corneal grafting campaign at Stockport*





*Bring and Buy, tea and film show for Etembeni (net result, £25) was a joint effort at Sheffield*

*Photograph by courtesy of  
THE SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH*

made this gaffe as we all know how important are funds for the Family Purse, and this must have meant tremendous effort.—

**EDITOR**

Sometime ago we received a sum of money from the relatives of our late member Mildred Moore. We bought a garden seat and had it suitably inscribed and presented it to Wilmington Elderly People's Home in Kirkley, whom we visit weekly and in whom Mildred was very interested.

**E. P. GOOD**

**LYNDHURST:** During the week before Christmas, Lyndhurst Toc H men and women toured our district to sing carols and raise money for our Old Folks' Fund. The records of previous years were beaten and £37 10s. 0d. collected. Twenty-four food parcels were distributed before Christmas Day and a goodly amount of money was left over to buy coal for some needy aged friends. We were much encouraged by the warm welcome we received everywhere and even more so by the fact that a group of young people from a local youth club came along to help us on most of the evenings.

**BESSIE L. EVANS**

**MALDON JOINT BRANCH:** At Christmas the Group visited an orphanage—at Inworth, Essex—and gave each child there a box of sweets and a Jubilee pen. Also each member gave an old age pensioner a parcel of groceries and a bag of firewood for lighting. We have also bought a gross of Jubilee pens and have sold them well.

**G. D. RAVEN**



**MANSFIELD:** We are very glad to record two births to our young members in 1964. The first was in January to Mrs. Joan Hall; the second on November 8th to Mrs. Jill Eddishawe. Both babies are girls. Two of our older members are looking forward to being grandmothers in 1965.

**M. FROGGATT**

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT,** men and women, ran a bring-and-buy tea and film show recently in aid of Etembeni and the net result was £25. We also joined with the men for the World Chain of Light, held in the Endcliffe Methodist Church, and about seventy-five members and friends came.

**ELEANOR WAKEFIELD**

**SHIREHAMPTON:** In September we joined the men of Shirehampton Toc H in putting on a display at the local annual Flower Show. They put up the stand and then stood by, with now and then a friendly criticism, while the women arranged it. The stands supporting the Lamps were covered in black velvet and the draping, round the edge of the stand, gold in colour. Gold-petalled flowers with black centres picked up the colour scheme. Toc H leaflets were on display: numerous enquiries were made and some offers of practical help.

**PHYLLIS BELDING**

**STOCKPORT:** "Martha" helped us in the corneal grafting campaign.

**EDITH HUTCHINSON**

**WIMBLEDON:** Members and probationers gave a Christmas Party in December for sixty housebound people. During the afternoon the Torch Players staged two short comedies, followed by tea. Each visitor was presented with a small gift and the party ended with the singing of carols.

**E. de WINTER**

**SIR,**

"Peace on earth: goodwill towards men." We all expect that kind of treatment for at least a month, then forget it. But I wish to thank one organization that carries this motto 24 hours a day and 365 days a year: Toc H (Homebound). This organization is a god-send to people like myself and hundreds of others who are disabled and unable to get about. I never hear of them appealing for charity. We are treated like kings and queens. Nothing is too small or too great for them to do. I feel the citizens of Paisley should know of this great work, which is done silently and without fuss. I am certain this great work is very much appreciated by the homebound.

Yours, etc.—R.P.

*(Reprinted by permission of the "Paisley Express", in which this letter appeared in January 1965.—Editor.)*



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## ● FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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**N**EW measures to deal with the health problems of long-stay immigrants coming to Britain from all countries have been approved by the Minister of Health, Mr. Kenneth Robinson. He has done so after consultations with other Government Departments, the medical profession and the local authority associations.

The measures are designed to encourage immigrants to seek medical care at once on reaching their destination. An improved information service is aimed at as well; at London Airport, where the majority of long-stay immigrants arrive, an x-ray machine is to be installed. Medical Officers of Health will in future be given as much information as possible about immigrants arriving in their areas so that they can be contacted and advised on the health services available to them. The co-operation of family doctors is also being sought.

The Ministry of Health points out that long-stay immigrants may present special health problems. On arrival many are unfamiliar with British customs and often with the language, and are also unaware of the scope of the National Health Service. Some may at first live under very difficult conditions. Some of them in their home countries have been specially exposed to the risk of tuberculosis.

Many immigrants, and particularly those with Ministry of Labour vouchers or permits, are examined medically at the ports and airports at which they arrive. This examination must, however, be carried out quickly and cannot as a matter of routine include the use of diagnostic aids such as x-ray and other tests. It is important, therefore, to ensure that these immigrants are told how to use the Health Service and especially to secure by voluntary action that they register quickly with a family doctor and, if he advises, are x-rayed without delay.

(WE PUBLISH THIS AS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS  
WHO MAKE A POINT OF WELCOMING AND HELPING  
IMMIGRANTS.—EDITOR.) ●

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FROM THE NORTHERN REGION NEWS-

LETTER TO PASS ON SOME GOOD IDEAS :

*PUBLICITY:* We have been grateful for the opportunity to speak of the Movement to outside groups, especially when it resulted in offers of service as it did in Billingham Co-operative Women's Guild, and of financial help as it did from a Church of Scotland Women's Guild.

We have had joint publicity stands in Agricultural Shows, and at the Hobbies Exhibition organized by Rotary in Edinburgh. We are happy to see the keen interest at the Branch of one we met at the latter who had benefited by Toc H Services Clubs and was delighted to meet it in civilian life.

"Martha" has been news in Press and T.V. as she has given holidays to needy families, sold tea and coffee in Glasgow's George Square in aid of Leprosy or gained eye bequests for corneal grafting.

Realising the difficulty in our public relations of changing addresses of office-bearers year by year, one District has appointed a permanent Information Secretary, whose name and address is with all charity Committees, Press, Police, C.A.B., etc.

Some Branches are appointing a member to have her number in the telephone directory as Toc H W.A., and paying for the insertion.

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WE HOPE ALL BRANCHES WILL DO  
THEIR BEST TO GIVE "MARTHA"  
A GOOD SHOW WHEN SHE IS ON  
SAFARI—SEE PAGE 34.—EDITOR

# LETTERS

DEAR EDITOR.

The N.S.P.C.C. is in need of special and immediate help and I would like, through your columns, to appeal to your readers for support in caring for needy British children. We have recently found it necessary to extend the training period for our Inspectors from six months to one year. There was also an urgent need to establish an Emergency Relief & Welfare Department, as well as a Research Department in Child Welfare. These facts, coupled with the expiry of the lease on our former Headquarters building, forced us into the additional heavy expense of a move to new offices. Our new Headquarters has a 940-year lease and accommodation for our foreseeable needs, but we must now raise £250,000—in addition to our normal income.

The N.S.P.C.C. is an entirely voluntary organization. Last year, the Society helped over 120,000 children of whom 75,000 had been neglected and over 9,000 had been the victims of assault or ill-treatment. It is a tragic fact that almost half the number of children helped by the Society are under five years of age.

These figures speak for themselves and I hope they will move your readers to give special help to the N.S.P.C.C. in its present need. Donations would be greatly appreciated as would the proceeds of special efforts run by Local Organizations.

Volunteers are needed in many districts to act as Stewards for our Brick Scheme. Stewards are asked to place ten personal collecting boxes amongst their friends and neighbours, to collect the contributions periodically and to pass the money to the Local Committee of the N.S.P.C.C. through which they will be working. We hope that holders of Brick Boxes will try to contribute £1 to the N.S.P.C.C.

Many appeals are addressed to the generous British public but I earnestly hope that this one may find a special place in their hearts because the need is great—and urgent! Any contributions which your readers may send to me will be promptly and gratefully acknowledged as will all offers of help and, when it is appropriate to do so, readers and Local Organizations who kindly offer us their help will be put in touch with our Local Committee.

(REV.) ARTHUR MORTON

Director, N.S.P.C.C.,

1 Riding House Street, London, W.1



**DEAR EDITOR,**

I have just read Hilda Day's letter in the January-February Log, and congratulate her on the Toc H family membership.

Our family connections may be of interest:—

My husband—founder member of Chelmsford Branch (1928)  
present Branch Chairman and District Secretary.

Elder daughter—Builder.

Younger daughter—Joined 1950. Present Branch Chairman,  
co-opted member Area Council, nominated for Central  
Executive.

Son—Joined 1960. Member of Ancaster Branch.

Daughter-in-law—Joined 1961. Secretary, Grantham Branch.

Myself—Member of L.W.H. from 1931-1939. Resigned for  
family reasons. Rejoined 1950. Present Branch Secretary  
and Pilot, District Pilot, Central Councillor.

My mother was for 25 years caretaker of our Branch head-  
quarters.

I might add, we have five grandchildren, ranging from nine  
years to one, of whom we have hopes for recruitment in the  
future.

**GRACE E. HEARD**  
(Chelmsford)

**YOU CAN SEE** that books in large type might make a great difference  
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